

Spring 2011

Habitat News

2010 Affiliate of the Year



Habitat for Humanity Menominee River was selected as the 2010 Affiliate of the Year for the State of Michigan. There are 77 affiliates in Michigan. Pictured above are members of the affiliate accepting the award from Habitat for Humanity Michigan CEO Sandy Pearson at the annual awards banquet in Lansing on March 29th. From left: Sherryl Weber, Habitat staff, Kathy Kulas, Habitat staff, Marty Fittante representing State Senator Tom Casperson, Charles Munk, Habitat board president, Sandy Pearson, Bill Stephenson, Habitat Executive Director, Nancy Pellegrini, Habitat volunteer, Jack Bale, Habitat volunteer, Kara Bitters representing State Representative Ed McBroom, and Greg Seibold, Habitat Vice President.

Thank you to everyone who has supported Habitat. Affiliate of the Year does not come with one house or one build day but from the countless hours from the many volunteers and donors in our community.



Habitat staff with Governor Rick Snyder

THANK YOU!



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Director's Corner

I will be retiring as Executive Director of the Menominee River affiliate at the end of May. I want to thank everyone who has made my tenure as Habitat's Executive Director an exciting and productive position. It takes caring and supportive individuals, businesses, governments, and organizations to make a non-profit like Habitat for Humanity a success.

This year the affiliate will be serving five families with quality affordable housing, three in Dickinson County, one in Iron County, and one in Florence County. These homes are not all new construction, as we are currently working on the rehabilitation of two area homes. The newly constructed homes are built to Energy Star standards and the rehabilitated homes will be as close to these standards as practical. Volunteers are welcome to support these construction initiatives.

Our ReStore continues to serve the local area with recycled home furnishings and building materials. The goals for this program are to minimize the waste material entering our landfill, provide affordable priced goods for the community, and provide income for a new Habitat for Humanity home each year. Please think of Habitat for Humanity when you are remodeling or cleaning out useable goods.

Habitat hopes to expand its Neighborhood Revitalization initiative in the future. By helping to coordinate community resources, homes of income qualified families have been repaired, sidewalks replaced, and parks improved. Expansion of these activities is a strong possibility for the future.

The affiliate recently received recognition as the Michigan "Affiliate of the Year". This award goes to an affiliate who best puts the goals and principles of Habitat for Humanity into tangible results. This recognition really belongs to the whole community. It is the community who has supported Habitat's model of affordable housing and decent neighborhoods.



Bill Stephenson, Executive Director

Affiliate Staffing Changes

Habitat for Humanity Menominee River will be undergoing some staff changes during the next few months, due to retirements. Bill Stephenson will be retiring June 1st, after 10 years as the Executive Director. We wish him the best as he spends his time on the new boat. He is also planning on working with the core construction crew.

Habitat welcomes long time volunteer Nancy Pellegrini as the new Executive Director. Nancy brings experience in social work to Habitat.

Eloise Martz will be retiring May 5th, after 3 years as Finance Coordinator. We wish her the best as she heads into retirement. Her replacement will be determined in April.

Habitat thanks both of our retirees for all of their hard work and dedication to the Menominee River affiliate.



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Donations

Community support is vital to the success of our mission to eliminate substandard housing in our community. Donations come in all forms - monetary, materials, professional skills, real estate, and ReStore donations. All are necessary to the growth of the Menominee River affiliate.

Monetary donations (cash, check, or credit card) have an immediate impact on the affiliate. Other methods of donating help to fund Habitat's mission in the years ahead, and include securities, bequests, life insurance policies, retirement plan assets, and planned giving. If you have interest or questions about any of these methods of giving, please call the office at 779-5377.

Building Green

Habitat reached another milestone in our efforts for sustainable building. Our house in Iron River (Cayuga Street, shown at left) and the most recent house in Iron Mountain (Vulcan Street) both received Builder's Challenge certification. This is a national Green Building standard. Congratulations to our entire construction team for reaching this standard.

Family Partners

Habitat celebrated the dedication of the first house in Iron County on November 11, 2010 with the Nowicki family. Shown below are family advocates Sara Basso and Louisa Knivilla giving homeowner Jennifer Nowicki her key.



The dedication of Habitat's 25th home occurred on December 4th with the Collins family in Iron Mountain. Shown below is Pastor Lee Liverance of Our Saviors Lutheran Church presenting a bible to home owner Rachael Collins with Habitat's Executive Director Bill Stephenson watching.



Habitat partnered with the DIISD Building Trades classes to build a house during the 2010-11 school year. The house is at 701 W. Brown Street in Iron Mountain. The Habitat family is Donna Hirthe and her three children. Dedication and an Open House will occur on May 20th, 3:00-6:30 PM. Habitat will be partnering with the Building Trades classes again in the 2011-2012 school year.



The dedication of Habitat's 26th home occurred on March 5th with the Langston family in Quinnesec. Shown above are Joe and Aimee Langston displaying the quilt they received from the Spinning Spools Quilt Club.



Groundbreaking for Donnie and Kandice Jokinen and their two children, Lilac and Alek, occurred on March 16 in Iron Mountain. This will be the first rehab house for our affiliate.

Habitat will partner with Thrivent Builds for a house in 2011. This house will be on Roosevelt Street in Kingsford. The family partner is Theresa Ozzello and her daughter Louisa. Habitat will build a second home in Iron River and the family partner is Ryan and Lyndsay Hamel.

**Thrivent
Builds**



Our affiliate will be building in Wisconsin for the first time, on County Rd. N in Aurora with Scott and Jessica Schuirmann and their two children.

Build with Habitat

600 West A Street, Iron Mountain
N1356 Country Rd N, Aurora
Central Ave, Norway
Roosevelt Ave, Kingsford
240 Hemlock Street, Kingsford
Lownik Street, Iron River

Call the office for more information about volunteering and for the build schedule.

Land Needed

Do you have vacant land to donate to Habitat? A house that you no longer need that could be rehabbed for a Habitat family? Do you know of anyone who has available building sites in Dickinson or Iron Counties?

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Recent Events

Thank you to everyone who supported the first fundraising events in Iron County—Hard Hats & High Heels Oktoberfest Social held in October and Fishin for the Mission held in January. A big thank you goes to the dedicated Iron County Fund Development committee for all of their hard work in planning these two events.

The 7th Annual “Taste of Hope” event was held on April 1st. Over 100 attendees sampled wine and beer while supporting Habitat. Thanks go to our sponsors, those who donated items, and all who volunteered their time to the event.



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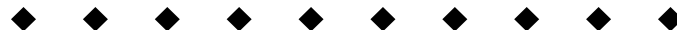
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Tuesday - Friday 10 am - 6 pm
Saturday 9 am - 3 pm

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Neighborhood Revitalization

Habitat’s NRI will be working with Teen Serve in the summer of 2011. Teen Serve is a program where a large group of teens come to an area to repair/paint houses. Norway is the host site for this program. One hundred homes will be worked on during the week.

The Millie Mine Trail was dedicated in November of 2010. Many individuals and organizations contributed money and time to construct the trail and to create and install the interpretive signs. Pictured below are those who attended the trail dedication. Habitat, under the Vision 2020 Program, worked with the City of Iron Mountain, on the trail project. This trail was funded in part through a grant from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.

Calendar

May 1, Brunch, 9:00 AM–12:30 PM, First Presbyterian Church

June 2, 9th Annual Golf Outing, Timberstone Golf Course

August 6, Hard Hats and Flip-Flops Dance, Alpha Gym, Alpha, MI

August 11, Door County Style Fish Boil, Dorothy Fox Hall

